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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Counsel

SUBJECT : Joint Committee on Congressional Relations

REFERENCE : O/General Counsel Draft of 23 July 1958

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1. In preparing a balanced paper on this subject I would refer you to the one [] and I prepared at the time of the Mansfield debate. While I agree that this is probably strongly slanted against a Joint Committee, I believe its arguments are quite valid and it certainly should play a part in any paper purporting to be a balanced review of the subject.

2. I believe also that such a paper should consider the alternatives to a Joint Committee. It is my strong personal conviction that there are several alternatives, such as:

a. annual review of our work by the Senate and House Armed Services Subcommittees followed by a statement issued to the membership at large that such a review has been conducted and that they found the CIA in good shape;

b. that one of the four Subcommittees with which we are currently working designate a senior and respected staff member to work closely with us and that we should keep such a staff member reasonably well informed, particularly of the crisis situations and the facts relating to them.

3. I also believe that this discussion should deal much more thoroughly than the attached with the constitutional issues inasmuch as the Mansfield debate was almost exclusively on this subject.

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Lyman B. Kirkpatrick
Inspector General

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(Dictated but not read by Mr. Kirkpatrick)